

# **Knights of Columbus of Indiana collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Knights of Columbus (Ind.).
<b>Title</b>	Knights of Columbus of Indiana collection
<b>Date</b>	1918 May-1920 Jan.
<b>Extent</b>	1.0 Cubic feet 3 manuscript boxes
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

Knights of Columbus of Indiana collection, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Historical Note

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On March 29, 1882, the organization was officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society. The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

The Knights was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

On June 25, 1899 the first Council #437 was instituted in Indianapolis. By the end of their first decade as an Indiana organization, the Knights of Columbus had a total of 48 Councils and 7,200 members. Following World War II, an expansion period occurred and membership jumped to 2,300 with 69 councils. Currently, the organization has 186 Councils and over 33,000 members.

Sources:

Knights of Columbus: <http://www.kofc.org/en/index.html>

Indiana State Council K of C: <http://www.indianakofc.org/>

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes six scrapbooks from the Knights of Columbus of Indiana ranging from 1918 May-1920 Jan. regarding World War I war efforts and activities within the organization. Volumes include detailed biographical information of its members, photographs, correspondence, clippings and event programs.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged by volume number.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

### Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

### Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a transfer from the Indiana Division in 2013.

### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2016/06/14 by Bethany Fiechter. EAD finding aid created 2016/06/14 by Bethany Fiechter.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Subject(s)

- Knights of Columbus--War work--Indiana
- World War, 1914-1918--War work--Indiana

## Collection Inventory

	Box	Volume
"Activities and Correspondence in the World War" scrapbook, 1918 May-1920 Jan.	1	1
"Activities and Correspondence in the World War, Applications to become Knights of Columbus Secretaries, A-K" scrapbook, 1918 May-1920 Jan.	1	2
"Activities and Correspondence in the World War, Applications to become Knights of Columbus Secretaries, L-Z" scrapbook, 1918 May-1920 Jan.	2	3
"Activities and Correspondence in the World War, Inquiry Division, Letters of Thanks from Ex-Service Men, Copies of Letters of Commendation Received at Knights of Columbus Headquarters, New York City, and Elsewhere" scrapbook, circa 1918 May-1920 Jan.	2	4
"Activities and Correspondence in the World War, Employment and Reconstruction, Correspondence, A-M" scrapbook, 1918 May-1920 Jan.	3	5
"Activities and Correspondence in the World War, Employment and Reconstruction, Correspondence, N-Z, Miscellaneous papers, including Minutes of the United War Work Coordination Committee, Miscellaneous reports and pamphlets" scrapbook, 1918 May-1920 Jan.	3	6